

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 21, 28, 30, and 37. Accordingly, claims 21-39 are pending in the application. The Applicant appreciates the suggestion for improved description of the invention in the claim language. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 21-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,161,080 to Chavous (hereinafter, Chavous) in view of U. S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0055299 to Kelly (hereinafter, Kelly) and in further view of U.S. Patent 6,047,327 to Tso et al (hereinafter, Tso). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

As previously discussed, the Chavous reference discloses a method and system for determining the location of a PBX extension phone in a PBX system. The Kelly reference discloses a method and apparatus to enable packet switched networks and circuit switched networks to communicate. Both prior art references utilize a PBX, a feature not found in the present invention.

The Tso reference discloses a system for sending information to a target group of users. Tso is cited for translating an IP address to a physical location. Tso is primarily concerned with locating wireless terminals. On a wired network, the client terminal is mapped to a physical location (Col. 17, lines 11-13). Tso does not disclose how the terminal is mapped.

The Applicant respectfully directs the examiner's attention to amended claim 1.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of routing an emergency request message from an Internet device through the Internet to an emergency call answering center connected to a Public Service Access Point (PSAP), comprising the steps of:

routing the emergency request message to an emergency call handling function configured to determine the IP address of the Internet device;

translating the IP address to a physical location utilizing required registration information that is associated with the Internet device and retrieved from an Internet Service Provider (ISP) associated with the Internet device, wherein the retrieved information includes the physical address of the Internet device;

encapsulating the physical location information within a PSAP message; and

sending the emergency request message through Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a PSAP in an emergency response service zone serving the Internet device.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references Chavous, Kelly and Tso, either individually or in any combination, lack the above emphasized subject matter of amended claim 21. Specifically, the present invention utilizes ISP registration information regarding the Internet device to associate the assigned IP address with a physical address that has been provided with the registration information. This being the case, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 and analogous claim 30.

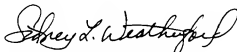
Claims depending from amended independent claims 21 and 30 contain the same limitations of the independent claims and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claims 21 and 30. Therefore, the allowance of claims 21-39 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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